

OUR VALUES

SAFETY	<i>We provide training, equipment and leadership to our members that emphasizes safety in all aspects of operations to ensure that "Everyone Goes Home."</i>
RESPECT	<i>We encourage all members to show a high level of respect to each other and the public.</i>
PROFESSIONALISM	<i>We perform our duties with a high level of knowledge, skill and ability in accordance with current national standards of competence.</i>
INTEGRITY	<i>We serve the public with honor and the highest moral and ethical standards.</i>
HONESTY	<i>We exhibit reputable and respectable behavior at all times.</i>
RESPONSIBILITY	<i>We employ progressive policies, procedures and standards in our District's management which ensure efficient fiscal practices and effective planning for the future.</i>
ACCOUNTABILITY	<i>We are accountable to the citizens and visitors of our District, and to each other, to provide effective, caring, trustworthy service when responding to all calls for assistance.</i>



2015 Firefighter of the Year
Nick Mentzer



2015 Fire Chief's Award
Willa Moore



2015 public education programs included fire extinguisher training for hundreds of adults and students in the District. Above: Firefighter Doug Colson coaches Country Ace Hardware's owner, Amy Kaplanis on the P.A.S.S. technique: Pull - Aim - Squeeze - Sweep.



2015 Officer of the Year
Lt. Jason McKibben



Chief White presented Firefighter Alex Stone with an award for the most training hours by an individual resident member: 1,374 hours! Way to go!



LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

I invite you to discover more about Grand Fire Protection District No. 1 and the Granby Fire Department in the pages of this report. Learn who we are and how we proudly and humbly serve the citizens of our District with honor, dedication and leadership.

2015 was another busy and exciting year for GFPD. Our professional volunteer firefighters answered over 160 calls for service, including mutual aid calls from neighboring fire districts. We visited the subdivisions and neighborhoods in our District conducting training exercises and pre-fire planning activities. Our members provided multiple public education presentations, fire extinguisher training sessions, and conducted our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House and Turkey Bingo events. As you will see in the following pages of this report, the number of hours our members have dedicated to our community is not only significant, but impressive.

Efforts to acquire property for a fire station near the US Highway 34 corridor to better serve the northern portion of our District continued in 2015. An agreement was reached with the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District to purchase a five-acre parcel located north of US 34 on County Road 40. We anticipate this acquisition to be complete in 2016. In addition, we placed an order for a new Type 6 Engine to replace one of our "mature" wildland fire trucks.

In August, we contributed significant resources to assist with incident command and the extinguishment of the 646-acre *Rifle Range Fire* along US Highway 40, west of Byers Canyon. Our work to mitigate wildfire continued with many home ignition zone assessments and meetings with homeowners' associations that are interested in reducing the potential for wildfire in their communities. We installed a 40,000 gallon fire water cistern at our south station (at the entrance to the YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch) to increase water resources for fire suppression in the southern portion of our District.

Our resident firefighter program has remained full at nine members, providing valuable staffing to quickly respond to calls for service. Our 35 volunteer firefighter members continue to reach new goals, achieving higher levels of certification and becoming more effective and efficient in their skills. Several of our personnel have attended the Grand County Fire Chiefs' Officer Development Program, completing National Fire Academy Courses to help them grow professionally in the fire service, improve their skills, and meet emerging professional challenges.

Once again, I want to commend the members of our Department for their enthusiasm, reliability and commitment to compassionate service, continuing education and professional training. You can count on GFPD to "safely deliver the highest quality fire and rescue services to our community in a professional manner so our citizen stakeholders receive the maximum benefit from our programs and assistance."

Russell D. Shaw

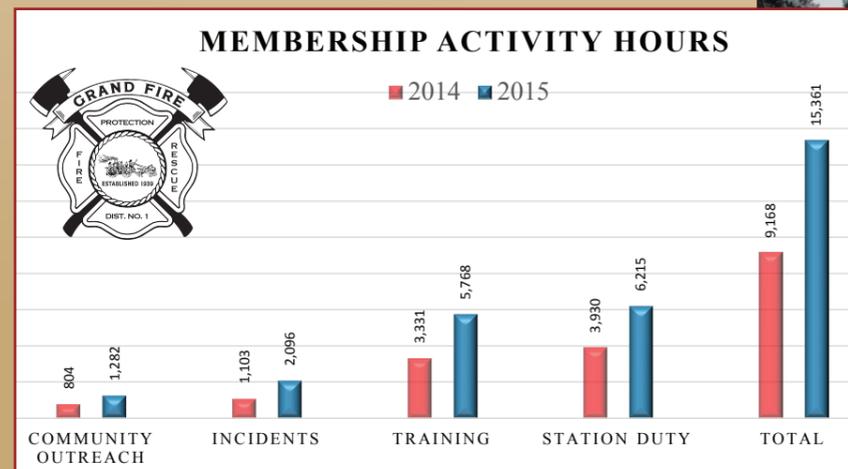


The District invested in two capital projects in an effort to improve operations for years to come. The first was a joint project with East Grand Fire Protection District involving the installation of a 40,000-gallon water cistern at the Red Dirt Station. The reserve water will decrease the travel time for water tenders supplying water during a possible structure or wildland fire in the Winter Park Highlands, Homestead Hills, Val Moritz, and YMCA areas. The cistern will also be outfitted to perform the annual pump testing that fire apparatus requires.

The second project was ordering a new Type 6 wildland engine to replace an older, underbuilt pick-up truck. It should arrive in late summer and will serve the District for the next 15 years. It will be available for regional and national deployment when local conditions allow, helping to increase District revenues.

LOGISTICS

Our new Logistics Section was deployed in 2015, consisting of non-firefighting volunteers who provide assistance and service to the fire department during emergency and non-emergency activities. This group of enthusiastic individuals provides meals before training once a month and during or after extended incidents. They also deliver supplies, personnel and equipment where they are needed, which would otherwise take resources away from the emergency scene. **If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fire Chief at rthompson@grandfire.org.**



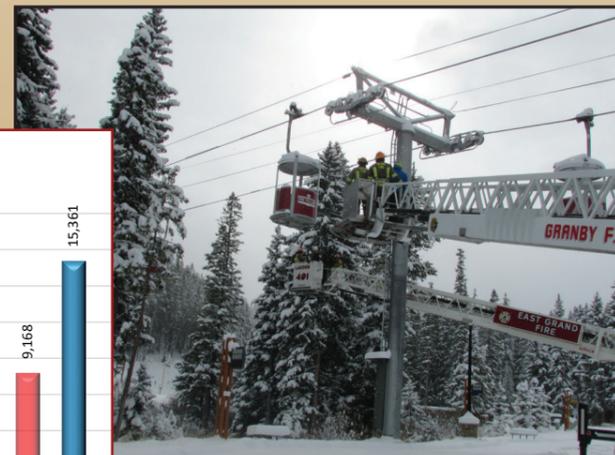
TRAINING

With the arrival of many new firefighters in 2014, training for 2015 consisted of a broad range of topics. We spent the spring finishing up state certification testing from the previous year's Firefighter Academy. Entry level firefighters earned 18 Firefighter I and Hazmat certificates, while the more experienced firefighters earned almost a dozen Firefighter II and Driver/Operator certificates, and many recertifications as well. Each state certificate involves at least one written and one practical test, requiring a high degree of commitment.



A Firefighter I certificate from the State of Colorado is valid for three years

We held four Tuesday night trainings each month and topics included hose advancement, engineering evolutions, vehicle fires, extrication, and wildland fire. In addition to our regular trainings, we cooperated with the other fire districts to offer the following courses: Hazmat Operations, Driver/Operator, NWCG advanced wildland fire, and a series of Officer Development classes from the National Fire Academy. Several firefighters attended trainings outside of the county, including Fire Instructor, vehicle extrication, and leadership classes. **In 2015, Grand Fire volunteer firefighters spent over 5,700 hours in training, averaging over 150 hours per member!**



GFPD and EGFPD training with Winter Park Resort and Ski Patrol on gondola rescue.

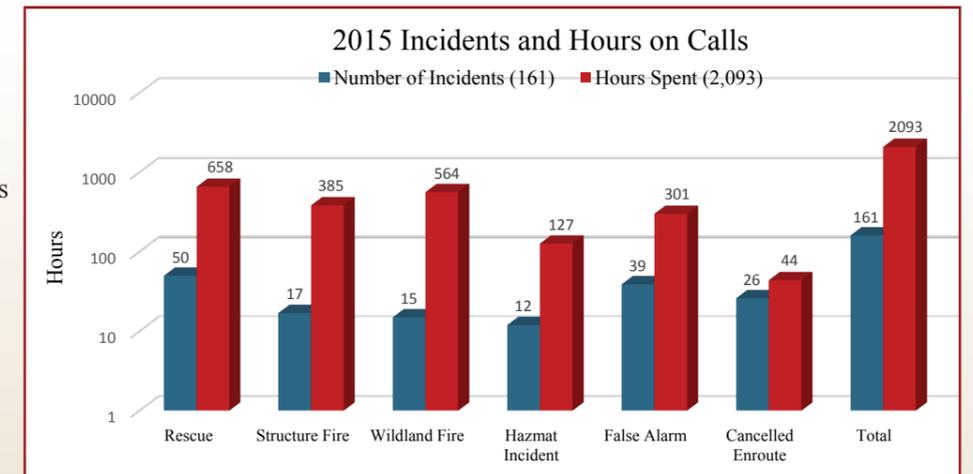
OPERATIONS

2015 call volume (161 total) was up 14% over our five-year average. Our volunteers spent over 2,000 hours on scene. We responded to 12 wildland fire starts in the District and assisted with three out of District, including the Rifle Range Fire in Parshall. Additionally, a few of our firefighters deployed with other agency's engines to fight wildfires in California, both to contribute to the effort and to gain powerful knowledge and skills.

We have a full crew of nine resident firefighters, including two at the Red Dirt Station. **Our residents contributed over 6,200 hours of service** in exchange for lodging, training, certifications and invaluable and impactful experience. Our operations and response times are greatly improved having firefighters living on site and performing station duties during the work week.

FIRE PREPAREDNESS

The Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) is the area around a specific structure, including all vegetation, which contains potential ignition sources and fuels that can affect ignition potential during an intense wildland fire. Our goal is to reduce the number of homes lost to a wildland fire. We can do this by working together on two important actions: manipulating landscaping and vegetative fuels (creating "defensible space") and by selecting ignition-resistant building materials. Work closely with your neighbors and HOAs to make your neighborhood more fire adapted; the vulnerability of a community is a function of its collective home ignition zones. If one home is inadequately prepared, the risk level to the entire neighborhood increases. Everyone's safety is impacted, including firefighters and emergency responders. **We have trained personnel available to come to your home or property to perform a free HIZ Assessment, make recommendations, and help you prioritize your list of fire mitigation measures.**



Photographer Art Ferrari's photos from the Rifle Range Fire in Byers Canyon on August 24, 2015



LEFT: The Multi-Mission Aircraft from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control paid Grand County officials a visit in April. The MMA can be ordered for search and rescue operations, early wildfire detection, and wildfire reconnaissance. It flew two missions on the Rifle Range Fire and another after a lightning storm in the county in September. ABOVE: Firefighters in Byers Canyon watch firing operations, one of the critical tools used in wildland fire management.